

Subject: War Diary for the month of January, 1944.

5. Alongside Pier #4, at Berth 45, N.O.B. Norfolk, Virginia, until 19 January 1944. Receiving fuel, provisions, and ammunition.

19 January

1. Operating under orders of Commander Operational Training Command, Atlantic Fleet. 1300 Commenced operating under orders of Commander Cruiser Division 8 as Task Group 27.2, OTC in PHILADELPHIA, with U.S.S. MADISON and U.S.S. H.P. JONES as additional units of this group, operating in accordance with CTG 27.2 movement order A/44.

2. Same as before.

3. Position: 0800 N.O.B., Norfolk.
 1200 " " "
 2000 Lat: 36°-38'-30" N
 Long: 74°-11'-00" W

Low visibility prevented the firing of a scheduled drone practice.

4. Moored in Berth 45, N.O.B. Norfolk, Virginia. with seven manila lines and one stern wire. 0801 U.S.S. FRANKFORD stood out. 0820 U.S.S. GOFF stood out. 0830 U.S.S. MC CORMACK stood in. 0900 U.S.S. ALBEMARLE underway and standing out. 1125 U.S.S. STARK stood in. 1230 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1300 Underway for MEDITERRANEAN Area, steaming on various courses and speeds to conform to channels. This vessel in company with U.S.S. MADISON and U.S.S. H.P. JONES form Task Group 27.2 under command of Captain WALTER ANSEL, U.S.N. 1515 Passed Buoy 2CB to port. 1530 Increased speed to 20 knots. 1807 Darkened ship. 1815 With XS abeam, close aboard to port, took departure and set course 127°(T), and changed speed to 17 knots. U.S.S. MADISON (CDD 14), and U.S.S. H.P. JONES assumed screening positions 3500 yards, 40° on starboard and port bows respectively. Set Condition "BAKER" plus, and III Surface.

5. Nothing to report.

6. Nothing to report.

7. No remarks.

20 January

1. Operating as TG 27.2 (O.T.C. in PHILADELPHIA) in accordance with CTG 27.2 movement order A/44.

2. Nothing to report.

3. Position: 0800 Lat: 34°-48.8' N - Long: 71°-16.4' W
 1200 Lat: 34°-15.0' N - Long: 70°-27.0' W
 2000 Lat: 33°-12.5' N - Long: 68°-19.0' W